

Administrative Cause
Number: 09-084D

**ADVISORY COUNCIL RULE SUGGESTION REVIEW:
HUNTING BIRDS**

**COMPREHENSIVE
FISH & WILDLIFE RULES PROJECT**

SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: DOVES

Michaels, Debbie

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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Howard

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Myself and my hunting partner were down at the boat sport and travel show a few weeks ago and stopped by the conservation booth. We had a few questions for them, with one question being, what is the season and what is the limit on doves? The gentleman responded and said you won't find that in our hunting and trapping rules and regulations book. When he said that, I ask what do you mean, and he said oh that information is in another book just for birds. Well I have hunted, trapped, and fished since I was 5-6 years old and I'm now 26. I've never heard of such a thing and I consider myself knowing most of the rules and regulations very well. I even have corrected several older people about seasons and bag limits. When trapping and deer season is over and my partner does a lot of rabbit hunting and sees several doves. Thankfully we haven't shot any because according to the gentleman at the boat sport and travel show the season for doves is over with before November or something close to that. I never knew there was even another book and neither did my partner who is 51 years old. I think all rules and regulations for hunting and trapping, no matter what species should be in the same book. How do you expect people to follow rules and regulations when they are not posted in our hunting and trapping regulations book? I think you should think about that, especially if we are trying to get people to be lawful, true outdoorsmen, and teach the youth.

Michaels, Debbie

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:24 PM
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First Name
Ken

Last Name
Layton

County
Jackson

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Limit dove hunting to afternoons and extend the season a few days.

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**COMPREHENSIVE
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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: CROW/BAG LIMITS & SEASON LENGTH

Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Rhonda

Last Name
Remesnik

County
newton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Myself and my daughter,s 8th grade classmates believe that a no baglimit on crows is incredibly wrong! Those beautiful birds arevanishing and should not be held with no regard. I ask that you removethe no bag limit and show these children that they can make adifference in our world.

We also think that the shells from duck hunting (over water) shouldnot just be discarded into the water, what about that pollution?

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
Rob

Last Name
Harris

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Crow season needs to extend thru the month of March. If the total number of days is limited, eliminate either a month in the summer or start in January instead of December. There would be less conflict with other hunting, specifically waterfowling, and more days of hunting opportunity provided during a time when little else is in season.

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First Name
Ken

Last Name
Layton

County
Jackson

City

State of Residence
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Suggestions
Leave the crow season open from August 15th through the end of theyear.

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TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/HABITAT F&W AREAS

Michaels, Debbie

From: Creech [ccreech@nwwnet.net]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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County
Union

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the waterfowl resting area between Dunlapsvilleroad and SR 44 in Union county opened for woodland game and Deerhunting.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Kettinger [n.kettinger@insightbb.com]
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First Name
Nick

Last Name
Kettinger

County
Vanderburgh

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Hello IDNR,

I am suggessting that something more be done with Hovey Lake FWA inPosey county in southern IN. I just think that the place can bemanages much better than it is. Yes the place hold birds and does goodon waterfowl numbers, but it could be much better. I have to say onegood move down there was when the blinds were removed from the lakeand you had to supply your own boat and such.

On to my suggestion:

The Rail marsh is not longer planted. I know ducks still use it, butthink that it would be a much better place if it was plated with cornor milow again and then flooded in the fall.

Also, the goose pits are over down there. Maybe installing some damsaround some of the pits and flooding then from the river would be areal hotspot.

I would also like to see a no HP limit on the lake, just IDLE ONLY,just like Bluegrass FWA. People use bigger motors on Hovey and neverget caught. It should not matter what size motor you have. You dontneed to be flying around the lake anyway because of all the stumps. Ano wake restriction would be really nice.

Thanks for your time.

Thanks.
Nick

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TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/DRAW HUNTS

Kane, Jennifer

From: Bochnowski [matt.bochnowski@gitc.com]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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County
Lake

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
TOPIC: WATERFOWL RESERVATION SYSTEM

I would like the state to review the waterfowl reservation system. Reason being, I (along with many other waterfowlers from northwestIndiana) feel there are WAY too many reservation days for the seasonin general. My disappointment with the system is very simple: ittakes away regular drawing opportunities for hunters like myself andthose who plan weeks vacation at a time to work around the waterfowlseason. For example, it makes no sense that virtually every other dayis a reservation day. Since the majority of my own personal huntingopportunities take place on DNR managed waterfowl areas, this is verydiscouraging. I unfortunately do not have a lot of opportunities onprivate lands, and when I take a weeks vacation, I'd like a fairchance/opportunity to possibly hunt everyday. Under the currentsystem, I only get a couple of days to hunt because of thereservations that are already pre-drawn. There is no reason why youcan't limit the reservation days to once a week? I've gone as far asto try and draw "stand-by" for the reservation spots that wentunclaimed during my vacation time. Granted, I'm not complaining aboutthat opportunity, and I hope it continues. However, it makes no senseto me to even have a stand-by drawing in the first place. Reasonbeing, if you took a poll from property managers that run thesedrawings, I'd bet they'd tell you that the turn out rate forreservations is in the 50-70% range. On the days during the week thatI drew stand-by at Willow Slough FWA, their turn out ratio was usuallyno more

that 60% of the folks pre-drawn. Now you explain to me, what's the point in a reservation system if you are only getting 1/2 of the folks to turn out anyhow? How can the state continue to promote a reservation system that in essence, only creates a turn out ratio for the top spots on the property? If 9 out of 10 folks show up from the top 10 numbers drawn, and say 2 out of the next 10 show up, it proves something: people aren't willing to come and show up unless they think they will be in the best spots. Between high gas costs and the hardships of this current economy, most folks simply aren't going to travel long distances if they think their pre drawn number will in turn mean they are only in a "marginal spot." This unfortunately, is just the way some waterfowlers think: they aren't all willing to put in the time and work for a hard hunt if they think only the top spots can guarantee them a quality hunt from the start.

It's very frustrating that within the last couple of years, our state has decided to make OPENING DAY a reservation day. If DNR personnel understood anything about traditional waterfowl hunting in Northwest Indiana, they would understand that opening day is the most prized day amongst us. It's the first chance to get out, see old friends, and hopefully be lucky enough to "draw in." Ever since I was a kid, part of the opening day tradition was simply getting up, driving to our local DNR property, and seeing all the usual faces in the check-in station for the new season. Seeing old friends, hearing hunting stories, and basic camaraderie in general was all part of it - it didn't even matter if you were successful in the draw. Now our state has decided to also take that day away from us and make it a reservation day? That makes no sense at all, and is rather discouraging for the younger folks in our sport who also don't have any other opportunities but on public land. I've personally been able to get no answers out of DNR staff as to why this decision was made. In reality, most waterfowlers believe that our state simply took this opportunity away from us because of administrative cuts. It's very easy to understand: if the state has a pre-drawn reservation day on opening day, they can then prepare for the amount of staff it will take to fill just the blinds they are drawing for (i.e. 20-30 blinds means only 20-30 parties of hunters). It's a lot easier to staff and pay 2 DNR employees to work the reservation draw at a given state property, vs. what it would take to handle 80-120 parties like they normally would on a opening day. AND, if staffing alone was the reason why the decision was made to have so many reservation days, that would be pretty sad.

I personally now hunt less in Indiana because of the increased reservation decision. Much of my hunts now are across the state line in Illinois, where I know I can go EVERYDAY and have a fair shot drawing over there on some of their state properties. Public land hunting is very simple: "drawing in" is just part of the process due to all the waterfowlers in this area. As a Indiana resident, I don't like to go over to Illinois all the time and quite frankly, spend my money for their economy. Due to the saturation of reservation days recently by our DNR, it's unfortunately left me no choice. I sure hope the advisory board reviews this issue.

Best Regards,

Matt Bochnowski

Michaels, Debbie

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County
ST.JOE

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
HAVE ANOTHER GOOSE REDUCTION HUNT AT STATE PARKS WITH A FIVE GOOSELIMIT TO HELP REDUCE
THE POPOLATION IN TUNE WITH THE MIGRATION.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Ferguson [duckmaster1@wowway.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 8:49 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

First Name
Brian

Last Name
Ferguson

County
Vand.

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Do not allow hunting on DNR or Federal property during the Feb. season. The idea is to reduce resident geese or new since geese. The state & federal land is made for these birds, the birds are not causing any problems on the state and federal lands, and hunting on these lands should not be allowed. Why have an area for the birds to build their flocks and rest when you are letting the hunters hunt them after regular season is over.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

First Name
John

Last Name
Penkala

County
Cass,Mi

City

State of Residence
MI

Suggestions

Allow a party of 1 to hunt a reserved waterfowl hunt he/she was drawnfor. If a person cannot find 1 or 2 hunting partners on a given day,the reservation must now go unused. Other reserved hunts (turkey, mostdeer, pheasant) do not require a party of 2 or 3.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

First Name
John

Last Name
Penkala

County
Cass, MI

City

State of Residence
MI

Suggestions

Allow a party of 1 to participate in a waterfowl drawing at managed properties. Other types of hunting that have draws (pheasant, turkey, deer) do not require a party of 2 or 3 - why waterfowl hunting?

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
George

Last Name
Witczak

County
Newton

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please lower the number of days for reserved hunts for waterfowl. For hunting families with children in school who hunt, it limited most of the hunting schedule to 1 day a week for them when they were not selected for any reserved hunts.

Thank you,

George Witczak
Roselawn, Indiana

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
Thomas

Last Name
Rindfuss

County
Lake

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Do away with reserved hunts on the weekend. Sunday is the only daysome people get of to try to hunt and it's near impossible to get adescent blind with the reserved hunts on sunday.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: COLLINS [johncollins@hrtc.net]
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First Name
JOHN

Last Name
COLLINS

County
Hancock

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

My request is that you let the parks run their hunts how they want to. The summit lake (goose reduction) hunt has been a joke the last two years. Why not have standbys, waiting at the park just like they do for all the other draw hunts, ie Kankakee and such. I believe there were only 8 groups that showed up out of 25 on the first day. We went to try and hunt and were denied. The park said they had no choice they had to go by the state's rules. Please change this or the goose reduction hunts will never be effective. Thanks

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds

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First Name

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mcduffee

Email

County

parke

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

Place a small user fee on the draw hunts to submit for the draw. This would provide small amount of revenue and weed out some of the individuals not really interested in the hunt to begin with.

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TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/METHODS

Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
TONY

Last Name
COOK

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County
MARION

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

MY SUGGESTION IS TO HELP INCREASE THE BIRD POPULATION BY SUPEINDINGTHE USE OF AUTO
LOADER SHOTGUNS FOR FIVE YEARS OR UNTILL THE NUMBERSINCREASE. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE
THIS NATION WIDE.

I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY IT TAKE TO HUNT DUCKS AND GEESE. THE COST OFEQUIPMENT AND LICENCES
GASS DOES NOT OFF SET THE NUMBER OF BIRDSALLOWED. SO I HAVE NOT HUNTED WATER FOWL
SINCE I LEFT NORTH CAROLINA.I DO MISS IT.

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TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/SEASONS

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
Bert

Last Name
Holtzman

County
Perry

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Hovey Lake needs to be better managed for ducks. The days of killinggeese there are gone. The area needs more flooded fields to attractand keep ducks. Also, resting areas should be added with absolutely nohunting on them.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting Birds
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First Name
Thomas

Last Name
Thomas Cogswell

County
Floyd

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

WE need an early wood duck teal season wood duck are gone when seasonstarts. Hunters need to have more input when seasons start. We do notMN to set our seasons.

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
Rob

Last Name
Harris

County
Allen

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

This years north zone goose season was perfect.

The north zone duck season needs to be open thru at least Christmas, extending back from there as many days as the Feds allow. This will be even more crucial when AHM cuts our season to 45 from the present 60 days. Sooner or later... it's coming. Early November is a waste of days.

IF there is an early wood duck season, make it a long weekend anytime in mid-October.

I don't hunt any other zone, and have no comments regarding them.

Love the late goose season!

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Michaels, Debbie

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First Name
WILLIAM

Last Name
MITCHELL

County
GIBSON

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
PLEASE!!!!!!

SHORTEN THE EARLY DUCK SEASON
IN THE SOUTH ZONE TO TWO OR THREE DAYS
AND TAKE THE REMAINING DAYS AND ADD
THEM TO THE END OF THE SEASON BECAUSE
OF THE CHANGING CLIMATE THE BIRDS ARE NOT GETTING HERE TILL LATE DECEMBER EARLY JANUARY.
ONCE AGAIN THE SOUTH ZONE HAD TEN DAYS FOR EARLY SEASON.NORTH ZONE HAD THREE AND OHIO
RIVER ZONE HAD NONE.
WHY MUST THE SOUTH ZONE HAVE SO MANY.

THANK YOU.

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County
Morgan

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please consider extending the shooting time to 30 min. past sunset in the bonus goose seasons. Many of us have given up trying because we're tired of lying in a field for hours only to have geese land on us as we pick up our spread.

Thanks, PB

Michaels, Debbie

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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County
Clark

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see waterfowl season run into february and some time allowed to hunt the refuge's like Masketituck NWR a day or two aweek.

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds

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First Name

shane

Last Name

weaver

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County

carroll

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

allow more counties to participate in the february goose season. seemsthe birds are abundant throughout the state,
not just the fewprivelaged counties

Kane, Jennifer

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Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 8:42 PM
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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

First Name
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Last Name
Ferguson

County
Vand.

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Make the south zone duck season come in on Thanksgiving day, instaedof on a Wed. when everyone has to work, we can enjoy it on a holiday.

Also in South zone, let the season end on a Sunday! This is not fairto end it on a weekday. Every other states end all of their seasons ona weekend so everyone can hunt it.

I understand about the early season, but if you start season onThanksgiving day, you gain 1 day,then cut the early season back 3 daysand it would end on a Sunday so EVERYONE can enjoy the huntingseason.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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County
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Suggestions

Allow the whole state to have a late goose season in Feb. This is not fair to have only the northern part of the state to get this season. We need it down south also.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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Last Name
Andrews

County
Lawrence

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Please consider shortening October waterfowl season and extending
lateseason in South zone to the same as the Ohio River zone. This
wouldallow more hunting opportunities at the time when the majority ofducks
are present in the South zone.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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Lawrence

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Suggestions
Please consider adding Martin County to the late goose season. Resident geese are becoming a nuisance in many parts of MartinCounty.

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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Scot

Last Name
Carpenter

County
Porter

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think we should extend the waterfowl season to match the Michigan season. The migration doesn't really get started until later in the season, and it seems here in the northern part of the state the season is over about the time the birds are starting to come down. If Michigan's season goes into January why wouldn't we follow that timeline in Indiana? It certainly doesn't interfere with mating or rearing of young.

Thank you,

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IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the waterfowl for both duck and geese extended into Feb. The last 4 years the birds are very slow to come south. Yes the geese are everywhere and I know that season changed. The ducks start showing up here south of Indy near the end of the season. As for harvest, very few of my friends have time to go any more and don't even see many flying. I got one duck, took 2 shots, and saw very few hunting some 30 hours this year. I believe it was last season that was very warm and the ducks didn't show up until mid Jan. Thanks

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Michaels, Debbie

From: GEARHART [gearhart@netnitco.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 11:37 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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County
porter

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

have a floating duck season directly related to the migration.. IE:ifmigration is late,move season to later date.

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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County
Lake

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Late Canadian goose hunt for Lake Co

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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County
Floyd

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I am a goose hunter! It seems year after year geese are migrating less and less. I know geese tend to stay just below the snow cover lines. Living in the southern part of the state, I do most if not all my hunting in the SOUTH ZONE. This zone covers nearly 2/3 of the state, however, I hunt mostly Clark, Jackson, and Scott counties. Over the past several years the goose numbers do not go up in our area until late January. Just in time for season to close! Hunters between Indy and Columbus can be having great hunts with lots of birds, meanwhile, just a few miles south, we are wondering where all the birds are at. The middle third as well as the northern part of the state enjoy good seasons. In the southern part of the SOUTH ZONE we are still hunting resident geese if any geese at all. No migrators have arrived yet. This is evident by looking at the waterfowl counts for Indiana and by scouting observations. Now for my suggestion: Add a CENTRAL ZONE with their season closing when the current SOUTH ZONE season closes. Narrow the SOUTH ZONE to the true southern part of the state and extend the season through at least mid February. I'm not forgetting about the OHIO RIVER ZONE. Extend that season to mid February as well. In closing, we usually get our biggest push of geese just as the season is closing.

NOTE I realize waterfowl regulations are also governed by Federal Law as well and this could make it difficult to change zones and dates. Just an idea.

Thanks, Trace

Kane, Jennifer

From: Trueblood [gtrue@outdrs.net]
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Hunting Birds
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County
Jasper

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Open the late Feb goose season for Jasper Co. in the future and try to open duck season later so it can run longer into Dec.
There's a lot more birds around then

Michaels, Debbie

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Cc: jschroeder@www.in.gov
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
blank

First Name
albert

Last Name
pence

County
lake

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

leave the season for goose open from september to february. also is it legal to keep water open in winter around docks especialy cedar lake in cedar lake, county of lake, indiana this seems that it causes a danger to snowmobiles and ice fishermen and seems like it could cause an environment concern because the ammount of geese seeking that open water

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: WATERFOWL/BAG LIMITS

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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Brewer

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County
Fountain

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The limit of 2 dark geese is way too conservative. The February season has a limit of 5. We are killing the very same Geese, most of which are migrators in both seasons. Why not make the limit 3 or 4 all the way thru.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Coverstone [m1cov@msn.com]
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Other

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Michael

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Coverstone

County
Whitley

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think you are aware of the Canadian Goose problem. My thinking is to have open season year round, with no dailly bag limit. At least the season should be in April thru June when they are nesting, also I live inside city limits with a pond. I would like to use a crossbow to kill these birds. Thanks for giving me my 2 cents worth

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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County
Clay

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I feel that the bag limit placed on Canada Geese should be increased. Many areas of the state have a problem with abundant geese and with a daily bag limit of 2, hunters are reluctant to take the time and trouble to harvest them. As well as being a hunter I am also a pilot, and at times our local airport runway is covered with geese. This makes a very unsafe situation on final approach when dozens of them fly up in your path. There are several lakes surrounding this airport and we do hunt there during early and regular seasons, but more needs to be done. If the daily bag limit was raised to 5, even if only in specified counties, I feel this would bring out more hunters to help control this ongoing problem.

Farmers lose many acres of crops each year to these local non-migratory geese as well. I know this as I too am a farmer and have several hundred acres devoted to wildlife conservation. Not only is this a very rewarding practice but it is very expensive. Geese coming from nesting sites on surrounding lakes and eating acres of new seedlings in the spring make it hard for me not to consider removing land from the wildlife conservation program and put it back into crop production.

I know I am but one person but I feel I reflect the feelings of many of my friends and neighbors on this issue. Ask almost any farmer about goose hunting on his property and he'll say "Please Do". There are but few goose hunters in this area, and most of the hunting is done from fields with large spreads of decoys. I know spending two hours early in the morning getting set up, only to take 2 geese seems almost insane to most hunters, but if that limit was raised to 5, I'm sure more sportsmen would take advantage of it.

Thank You

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: PHEASANT/DRAW HUNTS

Kane, Jennifer

From: Weinzapfel [jaweinzapfel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 10:29 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Pheasant

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County
Vanderburgh

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

My two sons and I have faithfully been applying for and have not been drawn for the special pheasant hunts for about the last twenty years. I have been told that many of the same hunters have been drawn several years. The draw should have some weight placed on how many years you have not been drawn in order to improve the chances of being selected. Western states do just that on some of their draws for various hunts. Would a good word from State Legislators or Federal Legislators do any good to improve the chances of us southern Indiana hunters? I hope that we have not been blacklisted by anyone in the department that does the drawing.

I am a Hunter Safety Instructor and we all have Lifetime Hunting Licenses since 1988 in order to help support Indiana hunting.

Thank you,

Jim

Michaels, Debbie

From: Berghorn [w.berghorn@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2009 6:30 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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Hunting Birds
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County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Please consider a point system or a successful applicant 1 and donefor the special pheasant hunt drawing in the management areas on thewest side of the state.Eliminate or limit out of state applicants.Because the computer program is in place,I'm confident that a newprocedure can be implimented giving applicants a better chance for atleast 1 opportunity to be drawn.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: PHEASANT/SEASON REGULATIONS

Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds

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Allen

State of Residence

IN

Suggestions

As both a pheasant hunter and a deer hunter I would like to see the pheasant season moved to a later date. Currently Pheasant season comes in one week before gun season and ends the same time as muzzle loader season ends. This creates a real problem because one does not want to change the deer patterns by pheasant hunting and yet if you love to pheasant hunt you must take that risk. My pheasant hunting also at times creates bad feeling from neighbors that are trying to deer hunt. Perhaps if Indiana moved the season back and started it after shotgun season ended and extended it into mid January, it would create less conflict and more opportunities for hunters. When deer and pheasant season currently end there is a bit of a void because rabbit season is about the only thing going on during Christmas vacation unless you get lucky and have ice to fish on, or you get risky and take a chance on falling through.

I know that many of our western neighbors have a pheasant season that extends into January; however, that requires an expensive out of state license. I am not suggesting that we make the season longer (we do not have the bird population to do that), just change the date to extend the hunting season for a void hunter.

Thanks for taking time to allow me to share my thought.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Institute a daily starting time(such as 8 am)to be able to hunt wildpheasants.This would give the birds a chance to feed and keep huntersout of the field in gray light.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

**SUB-TOPIC: QUAIL/INCREASE SEASON LENGTH &
DECREASE BAG LIMIT**

Michaels, Debbie

From: howell [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 7:57 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
cyrus

Last Name
howell

County
miami

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

My friends and I would like to see the quail season extended to provide us with a season so as not to interfere with the deer hunters.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting Birds
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First Name
cyrus

Last Name
howell

County
miami

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

My friends and I would like to see the quail season extended to provide us with a season so as not to interfere with the deer hunters.

Also maybe reduce the bag limit.

I would like to say we hunt with next year in mind. We are trying to get farmers to put out warm season grasses with some success in the northern part of Miami county.

Thank you for listen to our request.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: donaldson [syrupmaker@agristar.com]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting Birds
blank

First Name
john

Last Name
donaldson

County
miami

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Extend quail and pheasant season to Jan 10 or the same as southernIN.

Why

1 To have more days to enjoy the investment and time we have intraining our dogs.

2 The 2 week slug season on deer cuts into our hunting bigtime. Itshard to get permission to hunt during those 2 weeks because we interfere withthe deer hunters.

My suggestion would be to lower the daily bag limmit to 3 quail maybe even 2 so we wouldn't hurt the population as much as the shorter season.

P.S.

We have no shortage of quail in our area. I don't understand why our season is shorter.

Thank you for your time,

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Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Quail

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Last Name
paul

Email

County
vanderburg

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
lower the limit on quail to 4

Kane, Jennifer

From: Paul [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 12:18 AM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Quail

First Name
Derrick

Last Name
Paul

County
vanderburgh

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
I think a change in season dates and/or bag limits is needed statewide to
help improve the population

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

**SUB-TOPIC: QUAIL/HABITAT MANAGEMENT AT
F&W AREAS**

Michaels, Debbie

From: Euler [afssadmin@ai.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:31 PM
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Quail

First Name
Tony

Last Name
Euler

County
Clark

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Why not support a minimum amount of acreage to food plots for uplandgame at each fish and wildlife area? Being that I am not a deer orturkey hunter, which appears to be all that our resources are beingallocated for, or not allocated on these public places. I used tofind good numbers of quail on Crosley, some at Muscatatuck, etc., butthey are none existent. No food plots were put out at Crosley and thisbaffles me. If it wasn't for the put and take at Atterberry, therewouldn't be any upland game to hunt, or need for a liscense in IN.Used to do the put n take at Crosley and that was shut down, as I wastold it wasn't good habitat for pheasant. No kidding, must be why it'sa put n take. Anyway, I think there's a suggest in there. Sorry aboutventing.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

**SUB-TOPIC: RUFFED GROUSE/IMPROVE
POPULATIONS, HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

Kane, Jennifer

From: Hoyt [ghoyt@iupui.edu]
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Ruffed Grouse

First Name
Giles

Last Name
Hoyt

County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Given the severe decline in the grouse population in the state, the result of changed logging practices, increase in turkey populations, etc., perhaps the season on grouse should be shortened and bag limit decreased. That would also serve the purpose of making people aware of the grouse's plight.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 5:25 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Ruffed Grouse

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Last Name
Blackburn

County
grant

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Help the population by introducing more grouse to the state

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Kane, Jennifer

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 7:32 PM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Ruffed Grouse

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Last Name
Robbins

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County
Lawrence

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I think more needs to be done to replace habitat for Ruffed Grouse. We have a real jewel here in Southern Indiana in the Hoosier National Forest and more needs to be done to replace the old forests and even re-introduce the Ruffed Grouse to give it a better chance of survival.

Michaels, Debbie

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 6:01 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
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County
Jackson

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Do some habitat management to benefit grouse. Steve Backs tells methat the grouse population has decreased by over 90% over the pastseveral years. I has been my experience for the past several yearsthat the population is so low that I placed a self-imposed seasonlimit of 5 birds on myself. These birds are in trouble.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: TURKEY/ DRAW HUNTS

Kane, Jennifer

From: Sharpless [sharp71@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 6:26 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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Ronald

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County
cass

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see Mississinewa and Salamonie go to a turkey huntingsystem like that of Winamac Fish&Game. I live in Cass county butturkey hunt in Winamac because of the "no show" drawings. Some days itlets an average of 6 to 10 hunters that did NOT get an opportunity tohit the draw, a chance to hunt. I think several people who draw for ahunt do not go for one reason or another, keeping others from a chanceto hunt.

If this can't be accomplished like Winamac then open the lastweek of the season to everyone like you did the very first season.

I'm guessing the "manpower" word will come into play but ifsomeone would contact the manager at Winamac and see how much time isspent each morning to get us all out the door--I'm guessing 2 hours orless.

I have not got drawn at Winamac some years and still got to hunt4 out of the first seven days on a "no show draw" To me, that is theDNR doing the right thing for the limited days of turkey huntingavailable, even if I only got to hunt one day--it was better thannone!

Michaels, Debbie

From: Blackburn [tat2dfreeky1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 5:19 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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Doug

Last Name
Blackburn

County
grant

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Get rid of the draw hunts for turkey and the second fall huntingseason for them. Make all public lands available to hunt turkeyswithout having to be drawn..

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Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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County
Allen

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to request that Hoosier National Forest be made more "hunter friendly". I (being from Bloomington) enjoy driving down thereto turkey hunt. My problem is that there is no parking within the Forest. There are barriers driven into the ground so one cannot park in the forest to hunt. These short telephone poles deter the average hunter from taking advantage of the splendor that is Hoosier National Forest. The nearest parking I saw was at the Horsemen's Camp and that's private property. But even if one could park there, it's a good 4-5 mile walk to get to a productive turkey area. I feel that my tax dollars should be spent to make this forest user friendly to the hunter. I'm 55 yrs old and diabetic and can't walk that far to hunt but I still want to enjoy the outdoors. Thank You, Jay Livingston

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

**SUB-TOPIC: TURKEY/ INCREASE SPRING BAG
LIMIT**

Michaels, Debbie

From: McClanahan [gmccclanahan@impactforge.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

First Name
George

Last Name
McClanahan

County
Jennings

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Based on the turkey population increasing over the last couple of years in Southern Indiana, would it be possible to allow hunters to bow hunt Wild Turkey approx 2 weeks prior to the normal Spring season coming in? We would like to have the opportunity to kill one bearded bearded bird with a bow and one with gun, or only allow 1 bearded bird total between both seasons.

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Kane, Jennifer

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
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County
Clark

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe the southern part of are state has a large enough populationof Wild Turkeys to support a 2nd Gobbler to be harvested in the springseason.The 2nd tag should not be eligible until the 2nd week of theseason and only in designated county's with a large enoughpopulation.The extra money in Tags I am sure could be used in thesehard times , with the budget shortfalls.I know the dedicated turkeyhunters would appreciate it .And some of are poorer southern countiescould the extra money spent in there areas.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Tindall [hntrjack@yahoo.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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County
Marion

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Allow the taking of a second Wild Turkey during the second half of theseason. Missouri is one of the leading turkey producing states and sois their turkey management. They have this regulation in place andafter talking to their biologist I believe that Indiana has theability to sustain a second bird harvest, especially in southern andwestern counties.

Michaels, Debbie

From: kabat [joe_kabat@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 5:08 PM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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County
hamilton

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
need to adopt rules that will allow the process to allow more than one gobbler -permit in the spring

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: TURKEY/ LICENSE (ONE PER YEAR)

Michaels, Debbie

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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County
Shelby

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Spring Turkey Hunting License, if not filled, should carry over to Fall Turkey Season.

Michaels, Debbie

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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
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First Name
Dwayne

Last Name
Williams

Email

County
Fountain

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I believe if you do not fill your spring turkey tag it should remain invalid for the fall season as well.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Wilson [jcw1957@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 7:17 PM
To: NRCFWRulesProject
Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
Jim

Last Name
Wilson

County
Hendricks

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

Revise license requirements for Turkeys. One license purchase peryear regardless if the tag is used in the spring or in the fall. Thesportsmen have absorbed enough expenses over the past few years. Enough is enough already.

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SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

**SUB-TOPIC: TURKEY/ SEASON REGULATIONS
(LENGTHS, ZONES, HOURS, MISC.)**

Michaels, Debbie

From: Trine [pimpassdakota@aol.com]
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Cc: Guinnup, Jacob
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Hunting Birds

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Suggestions

I have never hunted for turkeys but where I hunt during our deerfirearms season I see turkeys everytime we go hunting. I have alwayswanted to hunt turkeys and congratulate the guys that have, and that have successfully taken a nice gobbler. However, I have lived inHoward County all my 26 years of life. Just a few years back, somebirds were released out in western howard county. I was unbelievableyshocked how quickly the state allowed people to hunt for them here inhoward county. We do alot of trapping out in that specific area and werarely see birds. If we are trying to get the birds to grow and bemore plentiful for our youth and younger generations to hunt, then ithink you should take a real look at how many birds we have. I lovethe fact that we can hunt turkeys in our own county, but I stronglybeleive there are not enough birds out there yet to be hunting them.Maybe im wrong but that is my opinion from what I see living here.Thank you for your time, and maybe think about this one a littlebit.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Hoffman [randy_1981@hotmail.com]
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Suggestions

Now that the turkey population has increased exponentially since introduction, I believe that hunting hours at FWA's should be extended until one half hour after sundown. Thank you.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Anderson [tim3342@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 4:10 PM
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Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

First Name
Timothy

Last Name
Anderson

County
IN

City

State of Residence
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Suggestions

If Indiana is interested in increasing the wild turkey harvestpopulation, I'd suggest we move the opening date up a week. It seemlike the last week of Turkey season is not very productive...matingseason is basically at a close a week ahead.

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Hunting Birds
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Suggestions

Run the fall archery turkey season the same time and length as the fall archery season for deer.
The season is too short.

Kane, Jennifer

From: Wolf [davolf@insightbb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 11:38 PM
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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Steve

Last Name
Wolf

County
Vand

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The Turkey season here in Southern Indiana comes in too late. 80% of the time most of the hens have done been bred by the time out season comes in, my suggestion would be to open our southern season 2 weeks earlier. Say the first or second week of April. I have hunted Turkeys for 13 years now and am ready to stop buying my license because of the difficulty to find a interested Tom during the present season. I have went out the last couple weeks of March and the first week of April and had no problem calling in toms. [no im not hunting them at that time, just trying an experment that worked.] Hunting pressure has not been a factor in the calling Toms in, i hunt where nobody hunts. so i have learned that the problem is the timing of our season in the south Indiana area.

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Michaels, Debbie

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Hunting Birds
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First Name
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Last Name
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County
Floyd

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

The state needs to split in different zones for turkey hunting dates with the southern part of the state coming in before the northern part of the state.

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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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Last Name
barhydt

County
st. joseph

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

i would like to see a rule change allowing firearms to be used innorthern indiana during the fall season like they are in southernindiana! i know we have a population in the north to justify thischange. while deer hunting this past season in one evening from mystand i saw 112 turkeys (90) hens walk past my stand in a matter of 1hour! hunters could still use archery equipment if they so desired butcould also use firearms! thank you.

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Michaels, Debbie

From: marcus [bigcatjt@yahoo.com]
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Hunting Birds
Wild Turkey

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Last Name
marcus

County
lake

State of Residence
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Suggestions
buddy hunt for wild turkey,both hunt.

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Kane, Jennifer

ADD TO: Hunt. Birds Waterfowl

From: Pokrifcak [vpokrifcak@yahoo.com]
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Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Waterfowl

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Suggestions

My suggestion for review would be about the issue of limiting shells at the Fish and Wildlife areas.

Although I understand the intent, I feel the limitation of shells creates other problems.

For example, I have a 13 year old son that has been waterfowl hunting with me for the past 3 years. The youth hunts are a fantastic experience for him year to year. He does not have to worry about expending an extra shell or two or three to make sure that a cripple bird won't slip away during the youth hunts. He has no problem going out after these birds to "chase them down" if the cripple is swimming away. He knows you do what it takes to get that bird back into the blind. However during the regular season, it seems he never is able to retrieve that bird. It magically seems like it got away, but the bottom line is that he doesn't want to "waste" shells on the cripple. I feel that this limitation on shells sets up a wrong mind frame for our hunting youth. They don't always have the best shot, but they won't get any better by having these types of restrictions. The youth is our future. To have your child listen to others on how they want to sneak in extra shells again is wrong and sets up the wrong ideology of what the Fish and Wildlife is for.

My suggestion for review would be to do away with shell limits at the Fish and Wildlife areas. If this is not an action that can be revoked, at least make it that our youth "our future" has no shell limits in these areas. This change may also encourage the adults to bring their children out more often.

Kane, Jennifer

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Hunting Birds
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Boone

State of Residence
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Suggestions

I have been a waterfowl hunter for approx. 30 years. Most all of these hunts have been on the Fish and Wildlife properties of Northern and Northwest Indiana. My concern is the future of these properties not so much for my sake, but for the children now being introduced to hunting in Indiana.

I grew up hunting at LaSalle State Fish and Wildlife Area, and I do not mean this disrespectfully, have seen a gradual downturn in the area over the past 10 years. The number of hunters showing up have decreased. The properties blind upkeep have slowly deteriorated. There are no longer boats available to access all of the blinds. I have been told by property management that there just isn't enough money to purchase new boats and that the boats they do get are the "hand me downs" from Willow Slough F&W area.

My son has grown up to love duck hunting in Indiana just as I have. He is 13 yrs old. My concern is that there might not be duck hunting at LaSalle unless he has his own boat in the near future. Of course we can always just go to another Fish and Wildlife area, but it would be a shame to not have him experience all what the property has to offer on the basis of not being able to access it.

Funding usually is the answer to many of the problems we face now and in our future.

My suggestion for your consideration would be to have those willing to donate, pay, or just give to a fund that would address some of the shortcomings at our State Fish and Wildlife areas.

It does not need to be a forced issue, but if it was recommended that a hunting party at LaSalle give \$10.00 for every hunt to help replenish the lost boats or help upkeep of the blinds, how much revenue could this make per season for the next year? Or when applying for your annual hunting license, to have a place to where I could donate money for the use at all or specific Fish and Wildlife Areas.

Anything that could help in the preservation of these areas on top of what is already in the regular license fees i feel can assure that our hunting youth will have a place to duck hunt in Indiana like we did.

Michaels, Debbie

From: Brad Fulford [bf166@comcast.net]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals

Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
Brad

Last Name
Brad Fulford

County
Greene

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions

I would like to see the goose pond opened up to all hunters. limitedaccess to 8000 acres is ridicules you have people get drawn and don'tshow. The state forest is right next door and more people can be intheir at one time than on the goose pond.IT'S THE PEOPLES LAND LETTHEM US IT.

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From: Rosswurm [l_rosswurm@yahoo.com]
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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

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Last Name
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County
DeKalb

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Open the early goose season on the first Saturday of Sept. and andlast for
21 days to better control the residence goose population.

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Hunting, Trapping or Taking Mammals
Other

First Name
John

Last Name
Mindas

County
lake

City

State of Residence
IN

Suggestions
Ref;Duck Hunting

On State properties such as Willow Slough and others in northern Indiana. They have their own rules different from State. Specifically, Shooting hrs. NOT 1/2 hr. before sunrise to sunset. No hunting in afternoon (noon Drawings), shell limits.

I realize, they are concerned with burn out BUT, My privilege to hunt is restricted by local rules. I pay taxes and purchase license and equipment. Not to mention feed and train a dog all year to pursue my hobby.

Reservation days also cut my available days to hunt. Do away with them.

At this rate, I may as well, as others are (look at the statistics) take our Money to a different State.

John Mindas (52 year old outdoorsman.)

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State of Residence
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Suggestions

Use the gamebird habitat stamp money to the benefit of specific species. A portion for turkeys and grouse would need to improve forest habitat and a portion for quail and pheasants would need to go for improvement of prairie grasses in Indiana.

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TOPIC: HUNTING BIRDS

SUB-TOPIC: MISC. SUGGESTIONS

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State of Residence
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Suggestions
need to eliminate mute swans from indiana--these birds are useless and are nothing but a nuisance to canadian geese and the public--give me one good reason not to do this

Kane, Jennifer

From: porter [bdporter_69@hotmail.com]
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To: NRCFWRulesProject
Subject: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT SUGGESTION FORMHunting Birds

Hunting Birds
Other

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dirk

Last Name
porter

County
vermilion

State of Residence
IL

Suggestions

I would propose a limited Red tail hawk season. They seem to have made an excellent recovery, and and now appear to be overpopulated. We will never see a recovery of the BobWhite quial or pheasant while there are so many hawks.

I know there are other contriuting factors in the upland bird demise, but I feel this is one we can fix.

Thank you,
Dirk Porter

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